



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 260

LCO No. 1918



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

***AN ACT AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ASSESSMENT
AND MEDIATION PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 8-347a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Housing shall establish and administer an
4 assessment and mediation program for families at risk of becoming
5 homeless or in imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure whose
6 income does not exceed sixty per cent of the median income in the
7 state.

8 (b) After evaluation of the causes of the risk of becoming homeless
9 or the imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure and after attempting
10 mediation, the commissioner shall assist eligible participants with
11 application to appropriate resources.

12 (c) No family shall be eligible for grants under the rent bank
13 program established under section 8-347 without prior referral to the

14 assessment and mediation program.

15 (d) Participation in the program established under this section shall
 16 not be limited to individuals who reside in "affordable housing",
 17 which for the purposes of this section means housing where the
 18 monthly rent or mortgage payment does not exceed sixty per cent of
 19 the family's gross income. Up to two thousand dollars shall be
 20 available per family within available appropriations.

21 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The commissioner may enter into regional contracts with
 22 local or regional nonprofit corporations or social service organizations
 23 having expertise in landlord-tenant mediation to implement the
 24 program established under this section.

25 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) The Commissioner of Housing may adopt regulations in
 26 accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section.
 27 Not later than January 1, 2017, the commissioner shall submit to the
 28 standing Legislative Regulation Review Committee amendments to
 29 the regulations to implement the provisions of subsection (d) of this
 30 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	8-347a

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the requirements of the assessment and mediation program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]